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Inventor/Application Identifier: Shinya KIMOTO et al.

For: RECHARGEABLE BATTERY

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[X] 15 sheets of drawings ([X] formal [] informal size A4).

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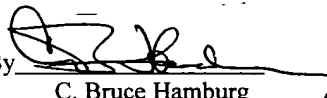
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